

to that effect. Proponents of amendments to be considered en bloc may submitted a statement in the Congressional Record immediately prior to the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for two minute voting during consideration of H.R. 2647. Finally, the rule provides that, in the engrossment of H.R. 2647, the text of H.R. 2990, as passed the House, shall be added as new matter at the end of H.R. 2647. H.R. 2990 shall be laid on the table upon addition of its text of H.R. 2647. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton, Representatives Taylor, Loretta Sanchez of California; Sestak; Bordallo; Frank of Massachusetts; Moran of Virginia; Cummings; Blumenauer; Lee; Schakowsky; Miller of North Carolina; Boren; Lipinski; Hall of New York; Walz; McKeon; LoBiondo; Conaway; Franks of Arizona; Sessions; Smith of New Jersey; Gallegly; Kirk; Gingrey; King of Iowa and Bilirakis.

Joint Meetings

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN RUSSIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine religious liberty, media freedom, and the rule of law in Russia, after receiving testimony from Sergey Cherepanov, Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, St. Petersburg, Russia; Musa Klebnikov, The Paul Klebnikov Fund, New York, New York; William Browder, Hermitage Capital Management, London, United Kingdom; and Sarah Mendelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D742)

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. Signed on June 22, 2009. (Public Law 111–31).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumer choices and transparency in the health insurance industry, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, and Paul T. Anastas, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:45 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, and Daniel M. Rooney, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Ireland, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine type 1 diabetes research progress, 9 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs quality management activities, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness, aging and special needs, 10:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review implementation of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings on draft health reform legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing on U.S.-Africa Trade Relations: Creating a Platform for Economic Growth, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Enhancing Consumer Financial Products Regulation," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.